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Answers to Question 1

The News Review once again asked candidates for election to the Greenbelt City Council to respond to questions posed by this newspaper. Answers are limited to 150 words. If an answer exceeds the limit, the answer is cut off at that point. Responses will be published in various orders to avoid favoring candidates. Here are the answers we received to our first question.

Question 1. What is the most important thing the city council needs to accomplish in the upcoming term?

Silke Pope

Greenbelt is a thriving, growing, independent community that offers many valuable services and programs to its residents. The area that impacts all of these is economic development, and I feel that economic development is the most important thing council needs to accomplish in the next two years for the continued success of our city.

We currently rely solely on property taxes, and this puts a great burden onto our property owners. With growth comes the need to expand in all areas of the city management including public safety, public works, recreation, social services, etc. With the influx of new housing options, we need to expand most of the services throughout the city. I understand that we cannot accomplish this in the next two years, but I strongly believe we need to start now by exploring additional tax-based income sources. Raising taxes is not a viable solution!

Kristen Weaver

We have several priorities to address in the upcoming term. First is ensuring we are fully utilizing our American Rescue Plan Act money, which must be obligated by December 2024 and spent by December 2026. We have already funded many excellent programs for individual Greenbelters, businesses and nonprofits and the community as a whole. We need to follow through on those and work with staff to make adjustments and re-allocations to utilize all the money effectively before the deadline. In addition, there are opportunities, for example through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, that could move us forward on projects such as the Cherrywood Lane Complete and Green Streets Plan, long discussed but never funded. I would also like to see us begin implementing recommendations of the Reparations

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Sell-Out Theatrical Production Includes Much Greenbelt Talent

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY NATE JACKSON PHOTOGRAPHY

Greenbelt's Will Wertz (farthest right) stars as Eric, pictured here as he's about to be attacked by the terrifying Agatha Trunchbull, played wonderfully by Meg Nemeth.

The nonprofit 2nd Star Productions is an all-volunteer run community theater that performs out of the Bowie Playhouse in Whitmarsh Park, producing three

or four plays a year. Currently they are performing the musical Matilda, which is proving a sell-out success, and one replete with Greenbelt connections, including the actors, musicians and producers.

Katie Riegel, 2nd Star's interim president and marketing director, is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Her co-producer, Laura Fisher, grew up in Greenbelt. Fisher

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Artful Vertical Visions Are Uplifting, Moving, Inspiring

by Judy Goldberg-Strassler



PHOTO BY JUDY GOLDBERG-STRASSLER

Ceramic Hand Building Teacher Nadette Boughton stands with her Vertical Vision on the Community Center lawn. Boughton inspired the artists who created Vertical Visions.

Vertical Visions, or Garden Totems, created by Greenbelt Potters were displayed on the Community Center front lawn on the beautiful afternoon of Sunday, October 1 with the Third Annual Ukulele Concert playing in the background.

Eleven-year-old sculptor Lucy Bindel said, "I've enjoyed being a part of the Greenbelt pottery community because everyone I've met has been kind and uplifting. My Vertical Vision is supposed to embody emotions and to show that emotions can be layered."

While viewing all the garden totems, Greenbelt resident Jayne

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What Goes On

Monday, October 16
No City Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 18
7:30 p.m., Council Work-session: Review Petitions & Requests and Council Action Report, Municipal Building

See the meetings calendar on page 5 or visit greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

Liquor License, Purchases Occupy Council on Sept. 26

by Diane Oberg

In addition to reviewing an already-approved liquor license application by the Greenbelt Cinema, it was contract time at the September 26 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. Council approved contracts or purchases of four shade structures for Greenbelt Station, a variety of technology purchases and installation of fiber optic cable between city buildings. In addition, it approved the refurbishment of the outdoor recreation areas of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Cinema

The Greenbelt Cinema received a Class D beer and wine liquor license from the county liquor board earlier that day. Nonetheless, council voted not to oppose granting the license. The vote was 6-1 with Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed, based upon his concerns about the high death rates from alcohol in the metropolitan area among young people. Several councilmembers, although generally accepting letting moviegoers have a beer, noted that this breaks a city protocol of no alcohol in city facilities (the city owns the theater building) and said that issue

should have been discussed with council first.

However, Cinema Executive Director Caitlin McGrath told council that she had taken the issue and the license application to then-Interim City Manager Timothy George and was following his lead as she was unfamiliar with city protocol on this issue.

McGrath said that no outside sales will be permitted and only theater patrons will be able to purchase alcohol. Patrons will not be able to take drinks out into Roosevelt Center or the cinema patio. Cinema staff must be at least 18 years old to serve liquor although all staff will be trained. There will not be a bar. Instead, McGrath expected the Cinema to sell single-serve containers of beer and wine, probably in cans.

There will likely be further discussion of this issue between council and the Cinema.

Recreation Center

Council approved staff's recommendation to reallocate \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds away from designing an addition to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center

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Question 2. How would you increase civic participation in city government, particularly from residents in Greenbelt East and West?
We ask candidates to submit their answers to the News Review by 6 p.m. on Monday, October 16, preferably by email to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com. Answers will be limited to 150 words.

City Notes

Lakecrest Tennis/Pickleball Courts reopened with two tennis courts and four pickleball courts. Springhill Lake Recreation Center began intramural sports with Greenbelt Middle School. At RUAK’s Cookies at the Bridge, Recreation staff promoted the Youth Workforce Development Program.

The Community Center accommodated the Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Community Orchestra, Scouts, Interfaith Leadership, Advisory Planning Board, the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program’s flu clinic and 16 rentals. The Artful Afternoon featured art studio tours and an historic art walk.

Park rangers facilitated Greenbelt Station’s Moonlit Movie and provided tech support for Ageless Grace at the Youth Center.

GAIL’s Fall Community Nursing Program began, with 22 student nurses visiting over 30 Greenbelt residents.

Public Works and park rangers hosted a Public Lands Day invasive plant removal event. Sustainability and the Green Team facilitated an EV show where 12 owners showed electric vehicles to 67 visitors. Greenbelt Connection provided 130 rides. Refuse and Recycling collected 28.97 tons of refuse and 9.97 tons of recyclables.



PHOTO BY KRISTEN WEAVER

Greenbelt Station residents gather in their neighborhood Central Park for an outdoor movie on Saturday, September 30. This event, organized by the Greenbelt Station Activities Committee in coordination with the Utopia Film Festival, treated viewers to an assortment of delightful animations, from classics like Bugs Bunny and Betty Boop to up-and-coming, award-winning independent animators, both local and worldwide. The Greenbelt Recreation Department provided the screen and projection equipment.

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour
The cultural phenomenon continues on the big screen in this music documentary. Taylor Swift fans can immerse themselves in this once-in-a-lifetime concert film experience with a breathtaking, cinematic view of the history-making tour.

Stop Making Sense

Director Jonathan Demme captures the frantic energy and artsy groove of Talking Heads in this concert movie shot at the Hollywood Pantages Theatre in 1983. The band’s frontman, David Byrne, first appears on an empty stage, armed with only an acoustic guitar, and is gradually joined by bassist Tina Weymouth, drummer Chris Frantz, keyboardist Jerry Harrison and a cadre of backup singers as they perform the band’s hits, culminating in an iconic performance featuring Byrne in an enormous suit.

The Royal Hotel

Americans Hanna (Julia Garner) and Liv (Jessica Henwick) are best friends backpacking in Australia. After they run out of money, Liv, looking for an adventure, convinces Hanna to take a temporary live-in job behind the bar of a pub called The Royal Hotel in a remote Outback mining town. Bar owner Billy (Hugo Weaving) and a host of locals give the girls a riotous introduction to Down Under drinking culture but soon Hanna and Liv find themselves trapped in an unnerving situation that grows rapidly out of their control.

The Silence of the Lambs

This smart, taut thriller from Director Jonathan Demme teeters on the edge between psychological study and all-out horror, and benefits greatly from stellar performances by Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster. Clarice Starling (Jodie Foster) is a top student at the FBI’s training academy. Jack Crawford (Scott Glenn) wants Clarice to interview Dr. Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins), a brilliant psychiatrist who is also a violent psychopath, serving life behind bars for various acts of murder and cannibalism. Crawford believes that Lecter may have insight into a case and that Starling, as an attractive young woman, may be just the bait to draw him out.

Correction

Last week’s article about the school board vote for the capital improvement project incorrectly stated that Jonathan Briggs entered a No vote. It should have said Briggs entered no vote, as he did not respond to the roll call for either vote at the special meeting.

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DVS = Descriptive Video Service

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Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour
(NR) (CC) (DVS) (2023)
(165 mins)

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Fri. 8:00 PM
Sat. 4:00 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Thurs. 7:00 PM

Stop Making Sense (PG)
(CC) (DVS) (2023) (88 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:30 PM
Mon. 2:30 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
Tues. 7:30 PM
Wed. 7:30 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 8:30 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM
Sun. 4:00 PM

The Royal Hotel (R) (CC)
(DVS) (2023) (91 mins)

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 6:00 PM
Sun. 1:30 PM (OC)
Mon. 2:45 PM, 5:15 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM
Wed. 7:15 PM

Storytime on Screen - FREE!
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

The Silence of the Lambs (R)
(CC) (DVS) (1991) (119 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Thurs. 8:00 PM

PETE REPERT

IT’S FALL...I DON’T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I’M PUMPED.



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Community Events

Free Kite Fly Offered Saturday, October 21

Children of all ages are invited to fly kites at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, October 21 from 2 to 3 p.m., sponsored by Greenbelt Unplugged, The SPACE: Free Art For All and Greenbelt Rotary. Free kite kits and decorating supplies are available for children of all ages. No kite, no worries, there are many to share.



Maglev Trail Walk Sunday

Come Sunday, October 15 at 11:30 a.m. to learn about the proposed maglev train which could potentially run through the Greenbelt Forest Preserve and eliminate trails in Hamilton Woods and the North Woods as well as Northway Fields, the Greenbelt Observatory, many acres of forest in both the south and north of the preserve, and the Spellman Overpass pedestrian bridge. Dress prepared for the weather with sturdy shoes/boots. The SCMaglev promoters have requested a Water Quality Certification from the state of Maryland. An update on next steps will be provided during the walk. RSVP to suzanbwild@gmail.com.

Church Offers Festive Evening

On Saturday, November 4, join neighbors for a festive evening at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ. The evening starts with a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a live entertainment extravaganza from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The entertainment will include the premiere of Amy S. Hansen's short comic play, Parking Garage from Hell. A free-will donation will be accepted at the door, and all proceeds go to support local charities.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Alternative Energy At Reel and Meal

As the climate crisis slowly gets worse, this month's Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café program presents energy systems to help solve it. Americans know, use and support hydro, wind and solar electric. Underused is geothermal, which produces only 0.4 percent of our electricity when the western states alone could produce 50 percent of our nation's needs. With the offshore wind system that could power all of Maryland's Eastern Shore stalled, tidal energy generators could help fill the gap. Hydrogen is one more source that can help.

Greenbelt Community Solar, a group that installed 99 PV panels on the Greenbelt Baptist Church roof in 2011, will provide the program. Since then, that one system has saved over 70 tons of coal from being mined, shipped, burned, emitting toxins and the greenhouse gases that are slowly destroying the planet. Join free on Monday, October 16 at 7 p.m. live at the New Deal Café or online by registering using the link tinyurl.com/reelnmeal16oct2023.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Note the updated start time. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, on Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions. Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

Greenbelt Puppeteers To Perform October 14



PHOTO COURTESY BEECH TREE PUPPETS

Puppeteers Ole and Ingrid Hass

Beech Tree Puppets of Greenbelt will be performing The Crystal Ball at The Christian Community on 4221 Metzert Road in College Park on Saturday, October 14 at 10 a.m. Admission is free, but a donation is suggested. The Crystal Ball is adapted from a fairy tale collected by the Grimm brothers. Follow the young Prince on his journey to save his brothers who have been transformed into animals by an evil sorceress. Bravely and against all expectations, he overcomes great challenges, including two giants and a fierce dragon, to save his brothers and win the princess. Greenbelters Ingrid Cowan Hass and Ole Hass, who founded the group in 2012, guide the hand-crafted, multi-cultural marionettes as well as narrate, sing and play simple instruments. Beech Tree Puppets perform in schools, libraries, community theaters and other venues. During the pandemic, the Recreation Department moved its scheduled performances of The Crystal Ball and The Apple Tree online, which led to the creation of movies of those shows. Beech Tree Puppets are now again performing live in the area.



PHOTO COURTESY BEECH TREE PUPPETS

The Firebird puppet from The Crystal Ball

HUG WALK to Join Walktober October 15

Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) is again organizing the annual HUG WALK (Help Unite Greenbelt With A Little Kindness) to be held on Sunday, October 15, rain or shine. This year the City of Greenbelt and RUAK are partnering with the State of Maryland's Walktober program, an initiative to encourage walking, pedestrian safety, health and wellness. The HUG WALK route is as follows: 1 p.m., gather at the Indian Creek Trail bridge at Greenbelt Station (across from the Shell Station on Cherrywood Drive); 1:30 p.m., walk sets off; 2 p.m., walk continues from Springhill Lake Recreation Center; 2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park; 3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center; 3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center; 4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center; 4:30 p.m., walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park. For further information, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com or 301-345-8755.

Health Screenings At American Legion

Learn about risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will host this community event on Monday, November 6. Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in arteries, related to the risk of cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; kidney and thyroid function; and more. Screenings are affordable and convenient. Consultants will work with all individuals to create a package that is right for them. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit lifelinescreening.com.

Eclipse and Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will host a viewing party at the Greenbelt Observatory for the partial solar eclipse that will be visible from Greenbelt on Saturday, October 14. The eclipse begins at noon when the moon's edge starts to move between the earth and the sun. The maximum coverage of 41 percent occurs at 1:19 p.m. The last bit of the moon to cover the sun leaves at 2:38 p.m. The ASG has eclipse glasses that will allow the eclipse to be viewed safely. These will be provided for free to the first 100 people to arrive at the observatory. The observatory telescope equipped with a special solar filter will allow us to view it in greater detail. That evening, the ASG will also host a star party from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The observatory will be open to visitors to view the wonders of the heavens. People are welcome to bring their own telescopes to set up for observation. Both events are free and open to the public.



National Chess Day Celebration

Greenbelt Chess Club will celebrate National Chess Day with the community on Saturday, October 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Roosevelt Center. Rain date is Sunday, October 15. The event is for all ages and skill levels. Teaching will be provided as needed. Bring a personal chess set if available. For more details, contact Effie at 443-415-1053.

Français, s'il vous plaît: French at the Café

A French conversation group meets at the New Deal Café on Thursdays at 6 p.m. All levels and ages welcome.

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Defending Utopia: The News Review at 80 (2017)
This documentary is directed by Greenbelt's own Susan Gervasi! Through the scope of the Greenbelt News Review, we watch the city of Greenbelt grow, from starting as an idyllic concept, to its materialization, to the continuous reinventing of itself.

New This Month
What's New at Greenbelt Cinema
From new films that are sweeping all the festivals, to cult classics, find out what's screening for the month of October at Greenbelt Cinema!

All this and more on the GATe channel this week! Check greenbeltaccessstv.org for the full broadcast schedule, and visit Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube for new video productions.

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Obituaries

April Ashpes



PHOTO BY ALISON GARY

April Allen Ashpes
April Allen Ashpes, 80, of Greenbelt, died suddenly but peacefully at home on Friday, September 29, 2023.
April was born on January 11, 1943, in Hyannis, Mass., to Frederick Chase and Ruth Pearson Allen. Much of her childhood was spent in Massachusetts – first in North Adams, then the family moved to Westfield when April was in high school.
April graduated from Drury High School in 1961 and went on to study political science at Drew University in Madison, N.J., with semesters at the United Nations, as well as in London and Washington, D.C.
After graduating college in 1965, April moved to New York City and worked as a tax auditor for the Internal Revenue Service, Office of International Operations (OIO). She transferred to the Washington, D.C., office in 1971 and there met her husband, Kermit Ashpes, who was also an IRS agent in the OIO. April and Kermit married in 1973 and had two daughters, Alison and Deborah (Debbie). The family moved to 100th Avenue in Seabrook in 1977. April and Kermit were married for 25 years until Kermit’s death in 1998. April continued living in Seabrook until 2017, when she moved to a

townhouse in the historic center of Greenbelt.
While her children were young, April was an active volunteer and substitute teacher at her daughters’ elementary schools (Gaywood and Glenarden Woods), serving on the PTA board and co-producing a newsletter for parents of students in the Talented and Gifted program in Prince George’s County. She also worked as the bookkeeper for a local lawyer before earning her teaching certificate from Bowie State University.
April’s first teaching position was in 1989, teaching social studies at Andrew Jackson Middle School. She later taught history and civics in the Humanities and International Studies magnet program at Central High School and eventually honors history and government at Parkdale High School. When she retired from full-time teaching in 2005, she continued to substitute teach for several more years at Parkdale.
April’s PolySci degree became a thread through her life; she remained involved in local and national politics, vehemently passionate about many causes, especially those related to education, the environment and human rights. She loved being outdoors and felt most at peace with her hands in the soil, whether it was growing tomatoes or just pulling weeds. She was an adept sewist, creating her own work wardrobe in the ’60s, home décor in the ’70s, and her daughters’ Halloween costumes and Easter, prom and graduation dresses in the ’80s and ’90s.
She loved dancing and live music, and she was an avid baseball fan (go Nats!). April was a world traveler, visiting many, many countries from college until just recently. A lover of animals, she befriended every dog in the neighborhood as well as every squirrel, skink and spider.
April treasured her friends, and up until her death maintained

Condolences to the family, friends, New Deal habitues, neighborhood dogs and other community members who will miss April Allen Ashpes, who died at the end of September.
Congratulations to Diana Greene Foster, Ph.D., a native Greenbelter and Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate, who has been named a 2023 MacArthur Fellow, also called Genius Grants, awarded annually to U.S. citizens or residents who have shown extraordinary creativity and dedication in their fields. The foundation selected Foster, now a University of California San Francisco professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences, for her groundbreaking study on what happens to women who can’t get abortions.

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Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.
You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Breaking the Spell of High Conflict

Hear best selling author and podcaster Amanda Ripley reveal how humans can help one another break out of destructive feuds—and generate healthy, useful conflict instead.

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Rev. Ann Kadlecsek with Liturgist Sabrina Jones

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Go to <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsZionParish/Live/>
Other services online via Zoom: Wednesday Noonday;
Thursday Bible Study and Compline 7 PM via Zoom

Please contact the church office if you are interested in any of these resources.

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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301-474-9410

Pastor Evelyn Romero

In-Person Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

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The Bible Says...

The Ten Commandments

#6-You Shall Not Murder

Exodus 20:13



IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School
(66 Ridge Rd.)

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- Sunday Mass:
 - Sat vigil 5pm*
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page later.

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Sunday School 9:15am

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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 16 - 20

Monday, October 16, **NO MEETING - MML FALL CONFERENCE**

Tuesday, October 17 at 7 pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION**, *On the Agenda: Agenda/Minutes Review, Subcommittee Updates: Facilitation, Educational, Historical, Executive Subcommittee Update, Comments*

Wednesday, October 18 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - REVIEW PETITIONS & REQUESTS AND COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

Wednesday, October 18 at 7 pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge this fall: Emergency Diaper Program, Family and Unpaid Caregiver Resource Fair, Alzheimer's Awareness Month Webinar Series, Coffee & Conversations, two Free Produce Distribution events, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in Older Adults webinar, Staying Strong webinar, and more.

For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESprograms.

GREENBELT CARES Individual Adult Therapy

Greenbelt CARES currently has openings for Individual Adult Therapy. Please call (301) 345-6660 or email cares@greenbeltmd.gov.

FALL FESTIVAL Saturday, October 21, 2 - 5 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Join us for our annual fall festival, presented by Greenbelt Recreation! With games, moon bounces, pumpkin decorating, hayrides, food, music, and more, you won't want to miss out on all the fun!

For more information, call Greenbelt Recreation at (301) 397-2200.

SPONSOR THE 2023 GOBBLE WOBBLE 5K FAMILY RUN & WALK

Greenbelt Recreation is seeking local businesses and organizations interested in supporting the Gobble Wobble and its continued success.

Sponsorships range from \$100 - \$500. Depending on sponsor level, sponsorships may include logo placement on advertisements, on shirts, promotional materials, and more! If your business or organization is interested in sponsoring this year's Gobble Wobble, please contact Recreation at (301) 397-2200 or by email at aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov.

All sponsorships must be received by Monday, October 30.

BRING YOUR OWN BAG ORDINANCE

Effective January 1, 2024, the City of Greenbelt's Bring Your Own Bag bill aims to reduce single-use plastic bag waste and litter in our local waterways and tributary system.

The Bring Your Own Bag Bill will prohibit a retail establishment from providing a plastic carryout bag to shoppers and can charge at least 10 cents for each paper bag provided to a customer at the point of sale.

The City of Greenbelt recommends the use of reusable bags, defined as: A bag with stitched handles specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuses, made of cloth or other washable fabric; a durable material suitable for multiple re-use that is NOT made of plastic film.

For more information on this bill, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/BYOBQ.



GREENBELT LEARN 2 EARN

**Youth Workforce Development Program
Program Starts October 2023**

Topics include financial literacy, interview preparation, skills assessments, and more! Hear from local businesses on what they are looking for, paid internships and employment opportunities, stipend rewarded for excellent attendance.

11th and 12th grade Greenbelt residents may apply. This program starts in October and meets for 2 hours every other Saturday.

Visit <https://forms.office.com/r/QjViVeTrB9>.

LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE | FALL 2023-2024

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from October 30, 2023 until January 2024. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents NOT to park in front of leaf piles.

**OCTOBER 30 -
NOVEMBER 3**

Lakeside,
Greenspring I & II

NOVEMBER 6 - 9

Boxwood

NOVEMBER 20 - 22

Lakewood

**NOVEMBER 27 -
DECEMBER 1**

Lakeside,
Greenspring I & II

DECEMBER 4 - 8

Boxwood

DECEMBER 11 - 15

Woodland Hills

DECEMBER 18 - 22

Lakewood,
Greenspring I & II

DECEMBER 26 - 29

Lakeside

HI THERE! MY NAME IS CHESTER.

Hi there! My name is Chester, and I am a domestic short-haired tuxedo male cat. I was a stray cat found by a citizen and turned into the shelter. I am 4 years old and am very playful and curious. I love to chase after catstring toys and love to look out of windows and explore my surroundings.

Here are some things a potential adopter should know about me. I would need to be the only cat in the household. Although I invite affection, I am very easily over-stimulated and may bite when pet. For that reason, I would not do well with small children or adults who are not okay with my boundaries.

I have been here at the shelter in isolation for over 475 days, so I am really looking for my second chance at life. If you have space in your heart and home, please ask about me today!

If you are interested in adopting Chester, please contact us directly at animalcontrol@greenbeltmd.gov or call (301) 474-6124 for more information. All adoptions are by appointment at this time.



FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 | TWO LOCATIONS

Community Center Ground Floor East: 1 - 3 pm. Contact kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov. Open to all Greenbelt residents. Must have a registration card via Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 12 - 1:30 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only. Register via email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

As required by Section 14 of the City Charter, Greenbelt will hold a regular City Election on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm

Any qualified registered voter with an address within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt may vote in City elections.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming election, please call the City offices at (301) 474-8000, use Maryland Relay (711), or send an email to the City Clerk at banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

A sample ballot is available on a flier at the Municipal Building and on the City website at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

**EARLY AND MAIL-IN VOTING
ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT
VOTER**

**MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY
EARLY VOTING or VOTE BY
MAIL-IN
NO MORE EXCUSES!**

EARLY VOTING: Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by EARLY VOTING.

**EARLY VOTING DATES AND
LOCATIONS**

Greenbelt Community Center –
(15 Crescent Road)
Saturday, November 4, 10 am – 3 pm
Sunday, November 5, 10 am – 3 pm

Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse –
(6915 Hanover Parkway)
Saturday, November 4, 10 am – 3 pm
Sunday, November 5, 10 am – 3 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center –
(6101 Cherrywood Lane)
Saturday, November 4, 10 am – 3 pm
Sunday, November 5, 10 am – 3 pm

SAMPLE BALLOT

Greenbelt City Election
November 7, 2023

**COUNCILMEMBER /
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN SEVEN (7) /**

- ☐ RIC B. GORDON
- ☐ MATTHEW A. INZEO
- ☐ JENNIFER A. POMPI
- ☐ RODNEY M. ROBERTS
- ☐ MOSES N. SEKATAWA
- ☐ JAMES R. WHIPPLE
- ☐ WILLIAM A. ORLEANS
- ☐ EMMETT V. JORDAN
- ☐ KRISTEN L. K. WEAVER
- ☐ DANIELLE P. MCKINNEY
- ☐ SILKE I. POPE

ADVISORY QUESTION ON VOTING BY RESIDENT NONCITIZENS

Shall Section 15 ("Voters") of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt be amended to read as follows: (Note: Underlining indicates language to be added to the City Charter. [Brackets indicate language to be removed.])

A qualified voter within the meaning of this charter shall be [any person] any citizen of the United States who is a resident of the City of Greenbelt and [who] is duly registered with Prince George's County under [the] applicable provisions of [Article 33 of] the Annotated Code of Maryland; if not a U.S. citizen, then a resident registered to vote with the City Clerk; provided that eligibility to vote in any City election shall be subject to applicable [registration deadlines as set forth] law in the Charter and Code of the City.

Charter Amendment Question:
"Should Greenbelt residents who meet residency requirements but are not U.S. citizens be allowed to vote in City elections?"

- ☐ FOR the Charter Amendment /
A FAVOR de la Enmienda a la Carta
- ☐ AGAINST the Charter Amendment /
EN CONTRA de la Enmienda a la Carta

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.



COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

SHREDDING DAY October 14, 9 AM - 12 PM Parking Lot Behind Greenbelt Federal Credit Union

Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Personal records ONLY (no businesses). NO BATTERIES. No plastic binders and sheets. No contaminants accepted.

For more information, call the Public Works office at (301) 474-8004.

GREENBELT JOB FAIR October 14, 12 - 2 PM Beltway Plaza by TJ Maxx

Dive into endless career options at the Greenbelt Job Fair. Ignite your journey with local employers and thrive! Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobfair.

TREES OF SCHROM HILLS EVENT CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER

GREENBELT LITTLES PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Greenbelt Littles Preschool is a licensed traditional preschool program that focuses on social development, fine and gross motor skills, listening, and following instructions. Financial aid is available for eligible Greenbelt residents.

For more information, please visit our Virtual Recreation Center online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or give us a call at (301) 397-2200.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION Dates & Deadlines for 2023 City Council Elections

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|--|-------|
| Second interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12 pm) | 10/27 |
| Early voting begins | 11/04 |
| Training session for election judges and clerks | 11/06 |
| Election (7 am - 8 pm) | 11/07 |
| Mail-in ballots must be received (by 6 pm) | 11/07 |
| Final Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (12 pm) | 11/10 |
| Charter meeting for swearing-in (7:30 pm) | 11/13 |

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson , City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

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Commission as they present them and ideas that come from the diversity, equity and inclusion assessment of city policies and practices currently in progress.

Emmett Jordan
In November, we'll welcome two to six newcomers to the city council. As our new city manager adjusts to the "Greenbelt Way," the importance of seasoned leadership is vital.

Our city faces many immediate challenges and opportunities. The efficient use of our American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding, acquiring the Greenbelt Armory, recovering from the economic impacts of Covid and assisting GHI with stormwater issues are just a few.

My priority is to run the council efficiently, so that together, we can work for the community's best interests and reach our individual goals. Too often, loud voices dominate our civic discourse, sometimes to the detriment of the city's day-to-day operations. I've steered the council towards unity and coherence throughout my tenure.

Experience has shown me the limits of a two-year office term. I will continue to bring the balanced, knowledgeable and time-tested leadership that Greenbelt deserves.

William Orleans
Most importantly, council would recognize its role is to vote on the questions before it, and not to presume to know what's best for Greenbelt residents. Council would truly be transparent and accountable, and not just say that it believes in transparency and accountability.

Real transparency would mean a lot less closed sessions (statute enables such, does not require such) where in fact it makes decisions and takes actions. Some of this incumbent council's (and it's immediate, predecessor council) closed sessions have not even been official meetings.

Real accountability would mean council would willingly accept criticism from residents and not, from council's dais, feed an urge to answer any such criticism. A really transparent and accountable council would welcome and encourage more participation from residents, and would direct staff to facilitate such assistance as necessary (transit, child care, ...).

James Whipple
The placement of barriers that protect bike lanes and pedestrians from cars is a public safety issue that needs to be addressed. This results in so much death and injury that the state of Maryland developed a program addressing it. From the zerodeathsmd.gov

website, "92 percent of pedestrian-involved crashes in 2019 resulted in injury or death," and "636 cyclists are injured every year in Maryland in collisions with motor vehicles." The elderly and youth are both at risk, as they are unable to use cars to get to places.

However, this program does nothing to suggest how our cities can design our paths to be safer for everyone. The first step of placing permanent barriers for our bike lanes will dramatically reduce the risk to our citizens, buying us time to explore more transformative changes to improve the quality of life for those who commute outside of cars.

Jennifer Pompi
This year, council's top priority should be expending and re-allocating all remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Greenbelt received \$22.88M ARPA dollars and all funds must be obligated by the end of 2024, and fully spent by the end of 2026, or the funds must be returned. Council must move quickly and decisively to ensure all current contracts and projects are carried out, including completing the Buddy Attick Master Plan and implementing the ARPA-funded Pedestrian and Bicycle Master plan. Unspent funds need to be reallocated quickly to shovel-ready projects – such as improving and updating recreation facilities equitably across the city, increasing public safety through measures such as the purchase of license-plate recognition cameras by the police department, which can be used to fight back against vehicle theft, parking lot crimes and illegal dumping at Northway, supporting green infrastructure and forest management of our parks and woodlands.

Matthew Inzeo
I grew up in Greenbelt and have lived here 30 years. My brothers and I had no concerns about walking alone or at night, and never felt unsafe.

I sense that many of you don't feel that way lately. News Review police reports are noticeably longer, people check their parking lot more often, and we recently experienced two horrifying violent incidents, including an abduction and murder in Greenbelt East.

I believe I can contribute to the solutions. I am a police officer, for Prince George's County. I propose to use emerging technology to aid crime-fighting efforts, improve crime reporting to citizens, entrust our Public Service Advisory Board to help increase the effectiveness of our community policing, give our Police more consistent council support,

and yes, increase the number of officers.

"Greenbelt is Great," but greatness cannot be sustained in an atmosphere of insecurity. Reducing crime is council's highest priority.

Ric Gordon
Being a proponent of The People's Work 24/7 I believe the next council term should continue our focus on the uplift and well-being of our residents, which encompasses so many areas such as strengthening public safety and continuing to empower and support our police department to protect and serve. Smart development that leads to job creation also inclusion and equity programs such as workforce development to help better the lives of Greenbelters. Strengthen recreation and sustainable infrastructures, we must focus on strengthening space for an ever-growing Greenbelt. This focus also encompasses making sure we do what we can to hold the line on taxes on the hard-working residents of this city.



Ballot Order For Candidates

Eleven certified candidates are running for seven seats on the Greenbelt City Council. On September 26, the candidates drew numbers for placement on the November ballot.

The candidates, in the order they will appear on the ballot, are:

1. Ric Gordon
2. Matthew A. Inzeo
3. Jennifer A. Pompi
4. Rodney M. Roberts
5. Moses N. Sekatawa
6. James R. Whipple
7. William A. Orleans
8. Emmett V. Jordan
9. Kristen L. K. Weaver
10. Danielle P. McKinney
11. Silke I. Pope

Candidates Sought For Co-op Board

Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) is seeking candidates willing to run for election to its board of directors. The Co-op will conduct its election at its annual meeting on Saturday, November 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Center gym.

Members interested in serving as directors can pick up nomination forms at the customer service office in the Co-op Supermarket. Return the completed form and biography to the Co-op's customer service office or email to board@greenbelt.coop. GCC does not accept nominations at the annual meeting.

Literacy and Fun For Young Children

On Friday, October 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) with Prince George's County Libraries presents engaging, lively stories and activities for young children and their caregivers to help build early literacy skills.

This monthly trilingual program (English, Spanish and ASL) is an introduction to reading aloud to children. Afterward, the children can stay and play with balls in the gym. Free children's books and healthy snacks will be provided. Spread the word to friends and families.

Libros, Bolas, Burbujas
El viernes, 13 de octubre a las 10:30 a.m. en el Centro Recreativo del Lago Springhill, RUAK (Random Acts of Kindness) con el sistema de bibliotecas conmemorativas del condado de Prince George's presentará interesantes historias y actividades animadas para niños pequeños y sus cuidadores para ayudar a desarrollar la educación temprana y habilidades de alfabetización.

Este programa trilingüe (español, inglés, ASL) mensual es una introducción a la lectura en voz alta para los niños como una forma de inculcar el amor por la literatura. Después de las lecturas, los niños pueden quedarse a jugar con pelotas en el gimnasio. Libros infantiles gratis. Aperitivos saludables y nutritivos gratis. Corra la voz a amigos y familiares.

Greenbelt
MAKE SPACE

Repair Café
Toss it? No way!

Greenbelt Makerspace Repair Café

Saturday October 21 from 10 am - 2 pm

outside the Granite Bldg, 115 Centerway

Come learn how to repair your tired or broken stuff or help repair others' items (experienced and novice volunteers needed). Bring your clothing, furniture, appliances, computers, jewelry, toys, etc. for the challenge of making them useful again. Repairs are not guaranteed.

Tool Library Saturdays 10am-Noon, Sundays 11am-1pm

<https://tools.greenbeltmakers.org>

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DISTRICT 4 Homeowner's Association Roundtable

Calling all HOA and Civic Association Leaders – We want to hear from you!

October 18, 2023 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Featured Speakers:

Maryland State Senator
Alonzo T. Washington

Maryland State Delegate
Marvin E. Holmes, Jr.

Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770
Room 201

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL



School News

Springhill Lake Elementary
Students Walk to School Oct. 4

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



Springhill Lake Elementary students walk to school on October 4, escorted by Greenbelt police.

At 7 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4, a couple of dozen children and parents, along with Greenbelt police officers and members of the Greenbelt City Council, gathered in the parking area near the back of Beltway Plaza to walk to school. Walk to School Day takes place in over 40 countries on the first Wednesday of October and has taken place annually for over 25 years. It's part of a movement promoting walkable communities and safe routes to school.

Springhill Lake Elementary has one of the earlier start times of schools in Greenbelt and opens their doors at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast. About 5 percent of the school population walk a similar route on a regular morning, estimated Vice Principal Andrew Karnes, who said more students live toward the interior of the Franklin Park community. "Greenbelt's a wonderful city," said Karnes, who himself lived in what was then Springhill Lake while attending the University of Maryland and



Springhill Lake staff, including Assistant Principal Andrew Karnes, left, stand outside the school to greet students on Walk to School Day.

later lived in central Greenbelt. "This is a great event," said Karnes, who was pleased with the turnout, noting it was even better than last year. One of the goals, he told the News Review, is to help children realize the police

are working with them, as partners. "They have so many programs that they run through the school, like Shop with a Cop and a summer camp," said Karnes. Some of the students who came out to walk to school recognized officers from the summer camp. "They went right up to them and interacted with them, fist bumps galore, smiles and everything like that," said Karnes.



A crossing guard greets students walking to Springhill Lake Elementary.

- Photos by Anna Bedford-Dillow



Royal Farms Breaks Ground



PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

Felled trees and gravel fill the site of the new Royal Farms gas station on Greenbelt Road.

The Royal Farms gas station and convenience store has begun site work for its new location on Greenbelt Road, next to the Honda dealership. The site is to the east of the dealership and stretches back toward Route 495 (the flagpole in the photo marks the Honda dealership's location as viewed from the Beltway). Con-

struction machinery is dwarfed by the felled trees on the site. The entrance to the gas station will be on Greenbelt Road. Although the city objected to the facility, zoning is controlled at the county level. The city negotiated with Royal Farms to obtain some concessions related to access from Greenbelt Road.



Re-Elect
Ric!
Gordon
The People's Work 24/7

Election Day
Tues. Nov. 7th
7am-8pm
1
On The
Ballot

*Strengthen Public Safety

* Strengthen Equity & Inclusion

* Strengthen Recreational Resources

* Strengthen Community Outreach

* Smart Development & Infrastructure

* Environmental Sustainability

Endorsed By:

Prince George's Co. Executive
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Castaldi

Prince George's Co. Sheriff John
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Councilmembers Jolene Ivey and
Ingrid Watson

Re-elect
Emmett V. Jordan
Greenbelt City Council

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• Experienced, Tested Leadership

• Always Well-Informed and Prepared

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By Authority of Tom Jones, Treasurer

<https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/md/beltsville/beltsville-community-cats-md506/>

Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park Moved to Saturday, October 21



Euan Bedford-Dillow in a field of pumpkins at Schrom Hills Park Fall Festival 2022

The annual Fall Festival with games, moon bounces, pumpkin decorating and hayrides will take place at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, October 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. The Festival is an activity of Greenbelt Recreation. For more information, call 301-396-2200.



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to redesigning and refurbishing the outdoor play areas there. Recreation Director Greg Varda reported that staff had unearthed a concept plan from 2002 for an addition that is still viable. Varda said the department's goal is to have the new play area ready for the 2024 summer camps. Council had only designated funds for design, not construction. Varda said the actual construction is likely to cost \$4 million to \$5 million and would need a funding source such as a bond issue to move forward.

Greenbelt Station

In order to provide residents in Greenbelt Station with badly-needed shade at their community park, council approved granting a roughly \$55,500 contract to Cunningham Recreation to purchase and install four 12-foot x 10-foot arched cantilever shade structures.

Pepco

Council approved contracting with Pepco to install an electrical connection for an electric vehicle charging station in the library parking lot at a cost of \$30,658. The charging station plan has not yet been presented to council for approval but an installation agreement with Pepco expired on September 29, thus leading to this cart-before-the horse action. The charging station will serve both city and private vehicles.

Technology

Council approved purchasing a number of pieces of technology using ARPA funds, including \$246,188 to purchase new equipment to upgrade the camera systems at the Community Center, Youth Center, Public Works

facility and Police Station, and upgrade the backend servers and storage capacity for the additional cameras. When work is complete, the cameras at all of these facilities will be integrated into the citywide system.

Councilmember Silke Pope pointed out that, prior to the pandemic, the Public Safety Advisory Committee had issued a report regarding locations where cameras should be installed. Recognizing that a lot has happened since then, council agreed that the report should be dusted off and reviewed to see if additional locations should get cameras.

Other ARPA-funded purchases approved under this item are a backup firewall device (\$14,000), 59 additional computers provided for additional users and increased demand for mobility and remote access (\$50,600), network switches (\$17,500) and a network-attached storage device (\$14,800).

Council also approved a contract with PEI Engineering and Construction to install fiber among various city buildings using roughly \$154,000 in ARPA funds. Currently the city uses the Comcast I-Net for these connections. However, Comcast has stated that, in the future, it wants to charge for use of these connections. By installing its own cables the city will also be able to increase the number of fiber strands available for future use. Information Technology Director Dale Worley said that the city will maintain the initial connection with Comcast but will use its own cable among buildings.

City Receives Silver Award For Help for Small Businesses

The City of Greenbelt received a 2023 Excellence in Economic Development Silver Award from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). The award for the Best Uses of Federal Economic Development Resources was bestowed specifically for the city's small business assistance, which impacted 25,000 residents. Kevin Simpson, economic development manager, representing the city, was acknowledged and honored at the IEDC 2023 annual conference during the inaugural Recognition Night event in Dallas, Texas, on September 19.

The City of Greenbelt has raised the bar for excellence in economic development with its Small Business Assistance program. This award is "a testament to the City of Greenbelt's dedication to its residents and serves as a great example of how economic development can help transform



On September 18, Kevin Simpson, the city's economic development manager, accepted the Silver Award on the city's behalf in Dallas, Texas, at the IEDC annual conference. From left, IEDC Board Chair Jonas Peterson, Kevin Simpson and IEDC President and CEO Nathan Ohle

a community for the better," said Nathan Ohle, IEDC president and CEO. "It is IEDC's honor and privilege to present the City of Greenbelt with this award and recognize its leadership and innovation in the field of economic development!"

Every year, IEDC looks specifically for economic development organizations, government entities, initiatives and programs that have demonstrated consistent, exemplary performance in the economic development profession leading the execution of projects that have a significant impact on revitalizing communities and playing a major role in shaping and improving the practice of economic development.

"We are profoundly honored to receive the 2023 IEDC Sil-

ver Award, a testament to our commitment to bolstering Greenbelt's economy by supporting our small businesses," said Greenbelt city manager Josué Salmerón. "These businesses are more than just numbers; they are the lifeblood of Greenbelt and the American economy at large. Our dedicated team, led by the likes of Kevin Simpson, has worked relentlessly to leverage federal economic resources to assist and uplift our small businesses, ensuring that Greenbelt remains a thriving and vibrant community for all. This award underscores the promising horizon of economic growth in Greenbelt."

"As the economic development manager for the City of Greenbelt, this prestigious award places Greenbelt in a great position on an international and regional scale," said Simpson. "Furthermore, it demonstrates the city's continued work to promote the attraction, expansion and retention of business and investment in our community. Many thanks to our city council, city leadership, community members and staff, who were pivotal in every aspect of our program. This award belongs to all of us."

This article was based on a press release from the city.



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Obituaries continued

friendships with people from her communities past and present: her childhood hometowns of North Adams and Westfield; Drew University, IRS days, PTA days, teaching days, classes she took, churches she attended and her adult hometowns of Seabrook and Greenbelt.

When April moved to Greenbelt, she threw herself into her new community, serving on the Senior Advisory Council, volunteering at Greenbelt Elementary where her granddaughter attended and joining the Golden Age Club, where she met her boyfriend, Doug Ingelsrud. She also could often be seen walking around Greenbelt Lake, looking for the eagles in BARC and at the New Deal Café having coffee with friends or up front dancing.

April is survived by her daughters, Alison Ashpes Gary

and Deborah Faye Ashpes; her son-in-law, Karl Norman Gary (whom she loved and cherished as her own son); her granddaughter, Emerson Elaine Gary; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; her brothers, Frederick Chase Allen, Jr. and Charles Edward Allen; and her husband, Kermit Harold Ashpes.

A memorial service will be held at Beall Funeral Home in Bowie, on Saturday, October 28 from 3 to 5 p.m., with remarks at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Everytown For Gun Safety or Planned Parenthood, three organizations and causes that meant so much to April. Her family and friends know that she would like to remind everyone to vote in each and every election.

Mishkan Torah Invites All to Sunday @ MT

Mishkan Torah invites all to join its community for their first Sunday @ MT, on October 22 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On offer will be a book club, birdwatching, a current events discussion, a playgroup for kids, and bagels and coffee. All are welcome to join in to get to know this community in a casual, fun setting. To register and provide suggestions, click on “Activities on Sunday Oct. 22” at mishkantorah.org.

Laurel Food Pantry Sunday, October 15

The next St. Philip’s Little Chapel Food Pantry Distribution will be held Sunday, October 15 from 9 a.m. to noon while supplies last. The Pantry is located behind the main church building at the corner of Sixth and Prince George Streets in Historic Laurel by the playground, one block off Main Street. There will be non-perishable items, frozen items and some produce.



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Wildlife Quilts At Patuxent Gallery

The Southern Comforters of Bowie, a group of quilters that includes several members from Greenbelt, are the Artist of the Month at the Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center’s Hollingsworth Art Gallery. On display are traditional and art quilts whose themes are wildlife and nature.

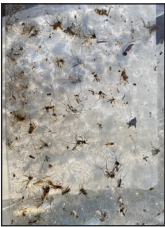


Hedgehog quilt

The Comforters will hold a reception on Saturday, October 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. Members will be on hand to talk about their art and share stories about the quilts they’re exhibiting. Refreshments will be served.

Mosquito Tip: Outlook for 2024

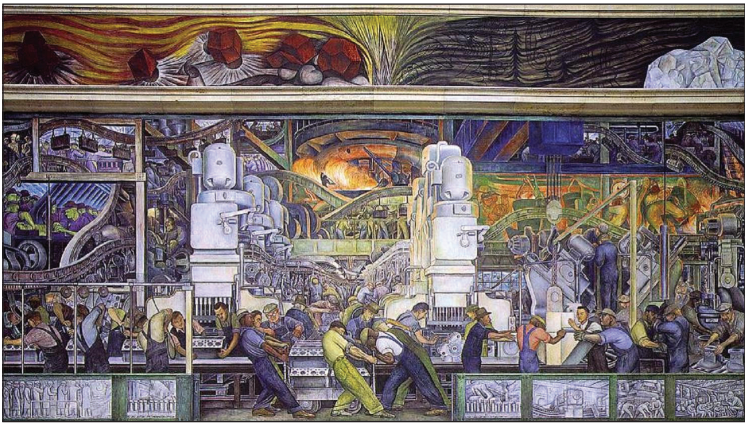
Mosquito season is almost over, but here is an idea for next year. How about using a mosquito trap in the garden that exclusively targets biting mosquitoes, requires no pesticides or electricity and is easy to use? There is one trap that kills larvae as well as their biting mothers and has been successfully tested in numerous scientific studies, including testing by our neighbors in University Park. The CDC developed the Autocidal Gravid Ovitrap, or AGO, which attracts female mosquitoes in search for a place to lay their eggs, and catches them on old-fashioned sticky cards. (A less-expensive commercial trap also is available, online.) This approach is well worth looking into: The mosquitoes in this picture were caught in August 2023 in a residential yard on Lakeside Drive in this type of trap in just 48 hours.



Mosquitos caught in a trap on Lakeside Drive

Museum Lecture: Diego Rivera And the Working Class Hero

by Megan Searing Young



Detail from Diego Rivera’s Detroit Industry Murals, 1932-33

On Wednesday, October 18 at 7 p.m., the Greenbelt Museum is hosting a Zoom lecture entitled Diego Rivera and the Working Class Hero, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. The speaker, Jonathan Maffay, wrote his dissertation on Rivera. He writes, “When Mexican muralist artist Diego Rivera arrived in the U.S. in the early 1930s, a country in the throes of the Great Depression, he saw less the struggle of the working class, but more the hope that a modern industrial economy might offer the working class. That sense of optimism resonates throughout the murals he painted first in San Francisco and then Detroit. That optimism also resonates within the Community Center [formerly the elementary school] relief sculptures by Lenore Thomas Straus created during that same period, though in a more stylized abstract manner.”

Maffay who grew up in Greenbelt, holds a Ph.D. from

the School of Interdisciplinary Arts, and an M.A. in counseling education, both from Ohio University. Maffay is an existential psychotherapist in Athens, Ohio, working in community mental health. He wrote his dissertation on Rivera and his Mexico City murals depicting the history of Mexico from a Mexican perspective. Through these works Rivera was educating Mexicans about the greatness of their ancient cultures, one that honors the richness of their achievements, and thus provides a more accurate sense of self. The process of identity formation is a focus in Maffay’s clinical work.

This is a free virtual event. Register via Eventbrite tinyurl.com/ytp2dytk. An email with a Zoom link will be sent close to the talk date. The talk is sponsored by Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, Greenbelt Recreation and the City of Greenbelt.



Panel from Lenore Thomas Straus’s bas reliefs on the front of the Community Center, 1937.

Greenbelt Community Church Donation Drive

The Greenbelt Community Church’s next drive collecting clothing and small hard goods will occur on Saturday, October 28 from 8 a.m. to noon and Sunday, October 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Any books left over from the Labor Day Festival sale are welcome. If clothes no longer fit, or kitchen gadget collections are downsized, they can use them. Prepare for donation by placing soft goods in plastic bags, hard goods in boxes that one person could carry and books in their own boxes. Oversized items cannot be accepted. Donations will be taken to Value Village, which pays the church. The church uses the funds to help local charities.

The church is located at 1 Hillside Road. For questions, contact Greenbelt Community Church office@greenbeltucc.org.



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Police Blotter

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Greenbelt Police Department reported two mental health diversions, seven domestic disputes, one involving gunfire, and one contact with Child Protective Services.

Assault with Ghost Gun

On October 8 at 2:10 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, a man was sitting in his car when another man pointed a handgun at his head because of a disagreement about rent. When officers arrived, the suspect ran into his residence and placed the firearm on the floor. Officers arrested him. The firearm was a “ghost gun” with no serial number.

Assault

On October 2 at 3:54 a.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, a man had been sleeping on the ground in the woods near Cherrywood Lane when someone grabbed him by the legs and began to strike him with a metal object. The man was bleeding and his eye was swollen shut, and he was taken to the hospital.

Road Rage

On October 6 at 8:29 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive, in a road rage incident, a driver threw a tire iron at a man’s vehicle and broke his passenger-side window. The suspect was driving a black car.

Break-in

On October 2 at 4:55 p.m. near 16 Ridge Road, a woman got home from work and noticed signs that someone had entered her residence. She contacted the police, and they found a man sleeping in her bed. He was arrested and taken to the Department of Corrections.

DUI

On October 4 at 12:38 a.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and Crescent Road, a black 2011 Acura MDX struck a guardrail with disabling front-end damage. The driver gave off a strong odor of alcohol, displayed multiple signs of impairment and was arrested for DUI.

On October 6 at 4:27 a.m. near Lakecrest Drive and Lakeside Drive, a 2018 Dodge Journey was parked in the fire lane in front of a hydrant. The officer detected a strong odor of alcohol from the vehicle, and saw alcohol bottles inside the vehicle, one empty and one half full. When asked about the bottles, the driver picked one up and asked if he could take a sip, which officers denied. The driver attempted to drive the vehicle and was arrested.

Missing Person

Near 9100 Edmonston Road, a young man named Juan Miranda has not been seen since September 30, 2023. He was last seen wearing blue jeans and a red shirt.

Missing Juveniles Located

On October 5 at 12:01 a.m. near 25 Crescent Road, a concerned citizen noticed two young women on the bus around midnight and asked if they needed assistance. They said no and got off the bus, and the citizen called the police because a group of males were following them. Officers arrived and the two young women were found and identified; they had been reported missing to Prince George’s County Police and were released to their

parents.

Fraud

On October 2 near 6500 Lake Park Drive, a man received a letter in the mail from the Maryland Central Collection Unit in reference to unpaid college fees totaling over \$10,000 dollars. The man contacted the college’s fraud department to help resolve the matter.

On October 2 near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, multiple items were added to a woman’s Instacart shopping cart. She froze the account before any transactions were completed.

On October 6 near 7900 Kara Court, an unknown person opened a PayPal account using a man’s name fraudulently.

Hit and Run

On October 8 at 6:40 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, while a woman was making a left turn to park, a Buick SUV accelerated and attempted to pass her on the left. The Buick struck the right front fender of her vehicle. The Buick’s driver stopped but failed to present proof of insurance and left the scene. A must-appear traffic citation was issued to the driver who left the scene.

Theft

On October 2 at 11:59 a.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road, three women stole Nike jackets and pants before fleeing the store.

On October 3 at 8:58 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, while a woman was shopping she noticed her purse was open and her wallet was missing. She was then notified that one of her credit cards was used at Prince George’s Plaza. A theft report was made, and she was advised to freeze the cards.

On October 4 at 1:37 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, someone paid for an order of flowers and then disputed the charges with their bank, and the funds were taken back from the store.

On October 5 at 10:27 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a young man stole three backpacks and fled on foot toward Franklin Park.

On October 5, a suspect stole around \$2,000 worth of skin care products from Target. Another time, the suspect stole \$3,500 worth of skin care products. Both times, video captured a clear image of the suspect’s face. The same suspect, who has been stealing from various Target locations in the state, has been identified. A warrant form was filled out with how to press charges.

On October 5 at 10:23 p.m. near 6200 Greenbelt Road, a man and woman stole approximately \$1,000 worth of jackets and fled on foot.

On October 6 at 8:34 p.m. near 7599 Greenbelt Road, officers stopped a man who was stealing; the merchandise was recovered, and he was banned from the store.

On October 7 at 6:30 p.m. near 5910 Greenbelt Road, a man with long hair stole some items.

Trespassing

On October 3 at 10:02 a.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, officers on patrol behind Beltway Plaza saw a man known to be banned from the property and arrested him for trespassing.

**Vehicle Crimes
Stolen Vehicles**

Four vehicles were stolen: on October 5 near 6400 Ivy Lane, a gray 2017 Kia Elantra (N.Y. ET2260), and near 5300 Settling Pond Lane, a gray 2015 Chevrolet Silverado (Md. 9EV6507); on October 7 near 7402 Morrison Drive, a 2013 Hyundai Elantra (Va. TMW2716), and near 6109 Breezewood Court, a 2014 Honda CR-V (Md. 5FJ0547).

Motorcycle Stolen

On October 4 near 6100 Breezewood Drive, a white and green 2022 Jiangmen Qipai KPC motorcycle bearing no tag was stolen.

Motorcycle Thief Arrested

On October 4 at 10:15 a.m. near 5900 Springhill Drive, officers responded to a call of someone stealing a motorcycle. Officers stopped the motorcycle, confirmed that it was stolen, and arrested the thief.

Attempted Theft of Vehicle

Two Hyundais and three Kias had damaged windows and ignition: October 2, near 6100 Breezewood Court, a 2013 Hyundai Elantra; October 3 near 5905 Cherrywood Lane, a 2014 Hyundai Elantra; October 7 near 46 Crescent Road, a 2023 Kia Soul; October 8 near 8300 Canning Terrace, a 2019 Kia Forte; and October 7 near 6100 Breezewood Court, a 2019 Kia Forte.

Stolen Vehicles Recovered

On October 2 near Cherrywood Terrace and Breezewood Court, a 2013 Honda Accord was found that had been stolen from Baltimore.

On October 2 near Mandan Road and Mathew Street, a 2019 Hyundai Tucson was found with a broken window and ignition damage; it was reported stolen in Laurel.

On October 4 near 7600 Hanover Parkway, a security guard on patrol noticed a Kia SUV parked with the engine running. The vehicle had a damaged window and ignition, and was not drivable.

On October 4 near Greenbelt Road and Baltimore-Washington Parkway, a witness observed four or five juveniles get out of a vehicle and run toward the woods near Hanover Parkway. The vehicle was a 2014 Hyundai Sonata with a damaged window and ignition.

On October 5 near 6301 Ivy Lane, a 2014 Kia Soul was found with a damaged window and ignition, sitting in the grass of the parking lot, reported stolen to Prince George’s County Police Department.

On October 7 near 7300 Hanover Parkway, a Kia Soul was found with a smashed window and damaged ignition.

On October 7 near 7300 Sunrise Court, a 2023 Dodge Durango was found that had been stolen from Berwyn Heights.

On October 6 at 12:46 a.m. near Cherrywood Lane and Greenbelt Road, a caller reported a Hyundai Elantra driving erratically and occupied by juveniles. Officers found the vehicle and several juveniles fled as they approached. Nearby a stolen Kia Optima with a broken window was occupied by another juvenile who attempted to flee but was

arrested. The vehicle owners were notified.

Theft from Auto

Six vehicles (including three Toyota Camrys and two Acura TLXs) had all the wheels/tires stolen: on October 3, near 9100 Edmonston Terrace from a 2018 Camry, and near 7200 Hanover Drive from a 2022 Camry; on October 6 near 7810 Walker Drive from a Camry, near 7480 Greenway Center Drive from a 2021 Acura TLX; near 6400 Ivy Lane from a 2022 Honda Accord with a damaged window; and near 7500 Greenway Center Drive from a 2021 Acura TLX.

Windows were broken and airbags were stolen from five Hondas: October 6 near 5801 Cherrywood Lane from a 2018 Civic; October 8 near 9000 Breezewood Terrace from a 2022 Accord; October 8 near 6400 Cherrywood Lane from two 2019 Accords; and near 6400 Ivy Lane from a 2021 Accord.

Two vehicle tags were stolen: a front tag (Md. 20201CF) on October 6 near 7501 Greenway Center Drive from an Acura TL, and a rear tag (Md. 9DH1568) on October 8 near 6900 Hanover Parkway from a 2015 Ford Fusion.

On October 8 at 5:08 p.m. near 6905 Greenbelt Road, suspects were stealing gas from cars in the Holy Cross Lutheran Church parking lot. Suspects were gone before officers arrived. One vehicle was a stolen Hyundai.

On October 3 near 7800 Walker Drive, a 2024 Acura Integra had a damaged window and a wallet taken containing ID and credit cards and near 165 Westway, a 2018 Dodge Charger

had a damaged window and a bookbag containing clothing was stolen.

Vandalism to Auto

Damaged windows were found on October 2 near 9160 Edmonston Road on a Hyundai Elantra; near Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Terrace on a 2022 Ford work van; near 5900 Cherrywood Lane on a 2013 Hyundai Elantra; and near 6100 Springhill Terrace on a 2012 Hyundai sedan. On October 5 near 6100 Breezewood Court on a 2014 Hyundai Accent; and on October 6 near 7501 Mandan Road on a 2014 Kia Optima.


On October 7 near 6150 Springhill Terrace, a 2022 Chevy Silverado and a 2022 Toyota Sienna, owned by the same person, had tires punctured.

Teenagers in Crash Are Identified

The teenagers who died when the stolen Kia they were riding in crashed into a tree have been identified. They ranged in age from 14 to 17 years old and were not Greenbelt residents. The driver was 14-year-old Marquay Swann of Lanham. The passengers were Serenity Sellman, 15, of Upper Marlboro, Zyshaun Cuffey, 15, of Glenarden, and, according to family, Dartreal Byers, 17, the cousin of Sellman.

The armed carjacking took place on Edmonston Road in Greenbelt in the early hours of September 29. It was reported to be carried out by three or four male youths. It’s yet unclear if those who died in the crash in Mitchellville, which occurred minutes after a police pursuit, were involved in the carjacking.

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Greenbelt Puts Electric Vehicles In View with Second EV Fair

by Amy Hansen

Fourteen cars and drivers showed up on September 30 for Greenbelt’s second annual Electric Vehicle (EV) show, put on by Greenbelt’s Green Team and the City of Greenbelt in the back lot of Beltway Plaza. Several dozen curious residents wound their way through the cars, some of which could go 300 miles on an electrical charge. Some topped out at 28 miles. There were several Teslas – one of the best-known electric cars on the road – but there were also a Cadillac, a BMW, a few Hondas and a Kia. The fair’s overall purpose is “promoting vehicles that do not burn fossil fuels, so as to improve our environment in Greenbelt and on the Earth,” said event coordinator Steve Skolnik.

To accomplish this, the group had a two-part approach, Skolnik said: invite potential EV drivers to come see many kinds of cars and talk to their owners without pressure to buy; and get EV enthusiasts together so they could swap stories.

Showcasing Differences

EV owners happily gave tours of their cars. Yes, they are all electric, but they aren’t all alike. For example, some were Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV), also known as “full electric” and others were Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles (PHEV).

They also come in different shapes and sizes. The BMW was taller than many of the other cars. “Not too low, not too high,” owner Hugh Meyers said, explaining why he picked this car. “It’s a Goldilocks.” Teslas have a front trunk, or frunk, where owners showed off empty space – with maybe a few cloth shopping bags. It wasn’t clear why the frunk looked different from the trunk of other cars that also held shopping bags, but it did.

Charging Up

Moving past the physical shape of the car, the main discussion was about charging and the growing network of charging stations. How easy is it to charge on trips? Where can one stop safely for long enough to charge? Tesla owners were almost left out of this discussion as their vehicles have software that identifies charging stations. Non-Tesla owners have phone apps that do the same, but those chargers are not always in service.



Steve Skolnik joins Luisa Robles, the sustainability coordinator for the City of Greenbelt, to show off Skolnik’s Chevy Volt during Greenbelt’s Electric Vehicle Show on September 30.



A sign announces the EV Show at Beltway Plaza.

Many people focused on how to put more chargers within the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) housing cooperative and other multi-unit dwellings. Since those chargers don’t exist right now, EV owners are scrambling. One GHI dweller said it has almost become a game for him. He will shop at MOMs (My Organic Market) on Rhode Island Avenue to charge there, or at a Giant Foods that has a charging station or go over to Schrom Hills, specifically to charge. But most people also felt the infrastructure problems will ease up soon, as Tesla is in discussions with Ford and others about sharing their charging stations.

Electric Energy

The energy at the second EV fair could be called electric as owners spoke with each other and with people interested in the vehicles. Calling the event a big success, Skolnik said he came

home tired from talking, but happy. “I heard and participated in many exchanges of information to help folks learn more about the vehicles, the environmental imperatives and the fiscal issues at hand,” he said. “I also learned lots of new information about the other EVs on display.”

This second EV fair in Greenbelt West followed the group’s first, which was in Schrom Hills Park. Skolnik said the Green Team’s next EV Fair will be held in central Greenbelt in coming months so that all parts of the city have a chance to interact with the EVs and their drivers. The organizers hope to raise awareness and understanding in the general public about EVs as a transportation alternative to fossil-fuel powered vehicles, encouraging more and more people to turn to electric vehicles as their ride to the future.

Lake Cleanup by Kayak

Water chestnuts (*Trapa bispinosa*) were first discovered in Greenbelt Lake last year (see the August 3, 2022, issue). Its presence is an environmental concern because of its propensity to spread and crowd out other plant life and impact oxygen levels in the water.

Recently Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll and Greenbelt’s new Chesapeake Conservation and

Climate Corps (CCCC) intern, Nadeeah Fleming, headed out in kayaks to manually remove some of the invasive plants. “We are continuing our work to remove the *Trapa* this year and hopefully limit its impact on the lake,” Carpenter-Driscoll told the News Review. A regular kayaker on the Lake, Marc Siegel, assisted them and captured some photos of the work.



From left, Nadeeah Fleming and Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll head out in a kayak to manually remove some of the invasive plants from the Lake.

At the Library

The Greenbelt Library is open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

Storytimes

Friday, October 13, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9020757.

Monday, October 16, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9020745.

Wednesday, October 18, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9020827.

Bibliobop Dance Party

Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9042359.

Talk Health

Monday, October 16, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., adults. Under the supervision of Registered Nurses (RNs), University of Maryland School of Nursing students will conduct free weekly health screenings, referrals, health education and classes on a variety of topics, including stress reduction, healthy eating and nutrition, managing chronic illness, and low impact exercises. Schedule: 11 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. blood pressure screening and high blood pressure education. 12:30 -1:30 p.m. bring a lunch for a learning opportunity and discuss important health topics followed by an interactive health-focused game.

STEM-tastic

Tuesday, October 17, 4:30 p.m., ages 8 to 12. Become a scientist by conducting hands-on, fun science activities using basic scientific principles. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9042345.

Teen Action Group

Wednesday, October 18, 4:30 p.m. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9187641.

The Science of Sports

Wednesday, October 18, 6 p.m., ages 5 to 18. Presented by the Science Guys of Baltimore. Enjoy thrilling experiments about hand-eye coordination, lung capacity, Bernoulli’s principle, aerodynamics, balancing miracles, the sweet spot on rackets and more. Watch in awe as our vortex generator knocks cups out of the crowd. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8758695.

Ride and Read

Thursday, October 19, 11 a.m., adults. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9020913.

Storytime on Screen

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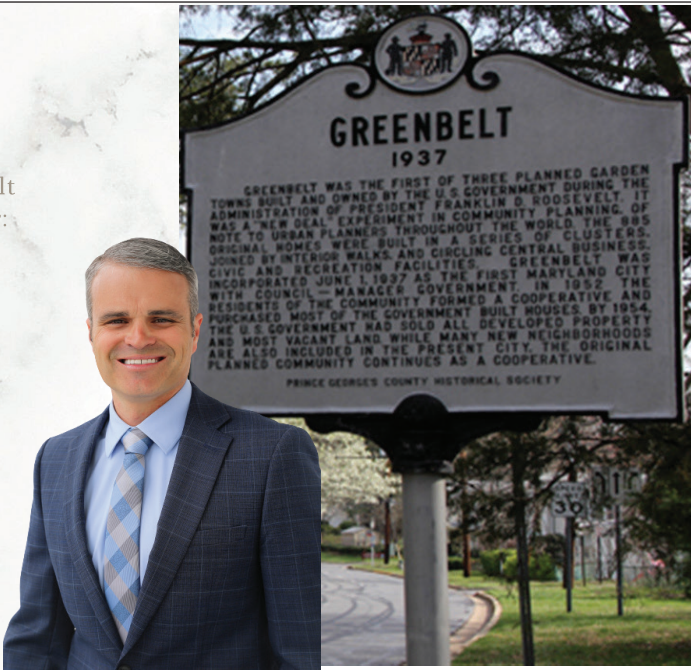


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Sports

ERHS Girls Soccer Teams Continue Strong Season Despite Varsity Loss

by Patrick Gleason

As the remaining minutes dwindled, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School junior varsity girls soccer team found themselves trailing the archrival Bowie High School Bulldogs, despite having dominated possession most of the afternoon. But sophomore Kira Moore controlled the ball amid a bevy of bodies blocking the Bulldog goal and found the back of the net to equalize. Only minutes later, the Raiders ensured their victory in this contentious affair; after a goal kick, freshman Alima Kargbo pressured the Bulldog defense into a mistake. Pouncing on the loose ball, Kargbo then cut back and passed to classmate Naomi Petralia who drilled her shot into the goal, beating the Bowie keeper to the near post. The varsity squad, warming up behind the same goal in preparation for their ensuing game, erupted in celebration. With the final whistle and the comeback complete, the Raiders flooded the field to celebrate a victory that once seemed in doubt.

Varsity

Unfortunately, the varsity squad did not replicate the result against the Bulldogs. Although the match began promisingly – with an early goal from sophomore Autumn Freeman – Bowie equalized not long after, leading to a deadlocked halftime score in a game possessing tangible tension. Then, early in the second half, Bulldogs senior Nylah Jennings’ free kick elevated Bowie to a 2-1 lead that would last, despite furious efforts from the Raider attack. Juniors Jada Savage and Alena Beckmann continued to test the Bowie defense with several near misses leaving the Raiders to wonder what could have been. Beckmann suffered a torn ankle ligament on a foul with minutes to go as Roosevelt continued to search for a goal that would never come.

Despite the setback, the Raiders returned with a strong week, besting the DuVal Tigers 9-2 on October 2 behind four goals from Jada Savage – who now boasts five hat tricks for the season – and defeating C.H. Flowers High School 4-0 on October 5.

The Raiders produced a balanced performance against the Jaguars with goals from Savage, Gabriella Martinez, Sadie Swart and Freeman and two assists apiece from Savage and Swart. Martinez’s goal highlighted the victory as she redirected a pass from Savage into the top of the net enroute to the fourth Raider shutout this season and first for freshman Lien Gareri who continues to make the necessary saves in goal for the Raiders with the added security of sister centerbacks Victoria and Esther Obisesan.

Both teams host Laurel Thursday, October 12: JV starts at 3:30



Senior Azaria Muhammad celebrates a Raider goal with freshman Claire Alolga. The Raiders’ record stands at 7-1 heading into the last two weeks of the regular season.

p.m. while varsity will begin their senior night celebration at 5 p.m. Then, varsity hosts a Friday night tournament, featuring Connelly School of the Holy Child and Elkton High School. The Raiders face Holy Child at 4 p.m., followed by Elkton challenging Holy Child at 6 p.m. and the finale features Elkton and Roosevelt at 8 p.m. After the tournament, Roosevelt heads into the final week of the regular season determined to replicate the junior varsity energy from the comeback victory over Bowie.



Freshman Arianna Cruz, in blue, helps orchestrate the Roosevelt attack in a September 28 junior varsity victory.

- Photos by Vanessa van der Have

Raiders Versus Flowers Likely For Volleyball Championship

by Scott Fifield

The volleyball team at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is off to a 7-3 start to their season, but they’re 7-0 against the county’s 4A opponents, so they seemingly are headed toward a clash with C.H. Flowers High School (which is also undefeated) on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Roosevelt. Both teams play two matches between now and then, so there’s a miniscule chance that one team will lose one of those matches. There is a huge talent gap between Flowers/Roosevelt and the rest of the 4A teams in the county, so losing a preceding match is highly unlikely. The 7-0 league record includes a surprisingly easy win over Bowie High School in September. Flowers has also beaten Bowie.

This year’s Raider volleyball team has improved over the 2022 team. Senior setter Aniya Kittles has 106 assists but has

also bailed out her teammates numerous times by attacking passes that are tight to the net. Outside hitters Kaniece Wright and Daja Warren, both juniors, lead the team with 39 kills apiece. Recently senior middle hitter Christiana Alapa has been more involved in the offense and her tally of kills (21) is climbing. Libero Aaliyna Patel is leading the defense, plus her 21 aces lead the team.

For those who attend the match against Flowers, wear pink, since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The team has designated this match as the Dig Pink match, and they’ll donate the profits from the night’s concessions, plus any donations, to the Sideout Foundation. Tickets to the match can be purchased at ticketspicket.com.

Scott Fifield is the Eleanor Roosevelt High School volleyball varsity coach.

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DeVane said, “It’s such a beautiful testimony to each individual for what is moving through their soul and spirit, manifesting in these exquisite art forms that are totally personal to each of the artists.”

“It’s so nice to see the creative and artistic side of what people are doing. I was able to meet an artist and ask her what she was thinking when she created her Vertical Vision,” reflected Greenbelter Greg Evans.

Christine Fortin, one of the creators, said that she was thinking of shapes and forms when she went to Paint Branch Creek, collected and piled rocks multiple times to get inspiration for her Vertical Vision.

“Each artist’s vision for their Garden Totem is so different and creative and they are so much fun!” Pat Scully remarked. Anne Oudemans, assistant director of Recreation-Programs exclaimed, “It’s magical!” Chris Corson, resident artist and sculpture teacher gushed, “This is the Greenbelt Ceramic Program at its best. They need to go on the road!”

Nadette Boughton, visionary and ceramic hand-building teacher, brought the artists’ imagination to life with the concept of creating their own Vertical Vision. Potters Lorraine Aldridge-Ey, Lucy Bindel, Nadette Boughton, Judith Cayo-Cotter, Christine Fortin, Judy Goldberg-Strassler, Jan Morrow, Nancy Newton, Lola Skolnik and Cynthia Swann created individual Garden Totems. A Community Vertical Vision with an ocean theme was created by potters Madeleine Golde, Gina Mai Denn, Heidi Olson, Ivy Schram, Zeehee Scott, Lola Skolnik and Rebecca Squire.

In addition to the outdoor exhibition, the community was invited to create their own miniature Vertical Visions. Many children and adults had fun creating vertical art. Also, in the spirit of the Vertical Visions theme, a reception including vertical snacks on skewers rounded out a fun and art-filled Greenbelt afternoon.

For those who missed the event, Vertical Visions will be on display at the Community Center art gallery starting in December.



Potter Jan Morrow stands with her Vertical Vision.



Five-year-old Harvey Canavan builds a table-size Vertical Vision.



Lucy Borg and Maggie McCullough pose with their completed Artful Afternoon Art Projects.



Five-year-old Chen-Shih Lee shows off her completed personal Vertical Vision.

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